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THE BARR HOUSE
2 Hillside Rd.
Brooklandville
private

c. 1865

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Barr House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2 Hillside Road

Second

CITY, TOWN Brooklandville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland, 21022

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
—STRUCTURE
—SITE
—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS
—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
—UNOCCUPIED
—WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
—YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM
—COMMERCIAL —PARK
—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION
—MILITARY —OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Albert S. Barr III

Telephone #: 828-4059

STREET & NUMBER 2 Hillside Rd

CITY, TOWN Brooklandville

— VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland, zip code 21022

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Court Hse.

Liber #: 5720

Folio #: 55

STREET & NUMBER Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson, Maryland 21204

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE 1860

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The BARR HOUSE is a frame house, two storeys in height with three principal sections. Traditional in design, looking earlier than its technological details will allow, all three sections date from the 1860-1880 period with small later additions.

The earliest section is the east wing, three bays in length, parallel and closely oriented to the road. The brick exterior chimney at the east end dates from the mid-twentieth century and it probably replaces a small single-flue chimney for stoves. The principal entrance was centered in the south front and it was sheltered by a small gabled porch; that door has been eliminated and the porch has been removed but the porch removal probably occurred long before the door was eliminated because the outline remains of a longer porch, sheltering the middle and the west bays, only recently removed. The opening in the westerly bay, originally a window, is now a pair of board doors. In the east bay is an original 9/6 window matching the two in the east end and one on the east side of the north addition to the east wing, undoubtedly relocated there from its original position in the east wing. Second storey windows in each bay are 6/6. All windows have narrow beaded frames and louvred blinds. With all interior finishes now removed for an extensive remodeling, this section is constructed in balloon framing assembled with cut nails.

Attached to the west end is slightly-higher and slightly later two storey section, two bays in length, its orientation perpendicular to that of the east wing. A small original portico shelters its entrance in the north bay, its four columns reflecting half-columns between and flanking the original six-panel door and its sidelights. Windows are 6/6 with narrow beaded frames. The window in the first storey has taller lights than the window in the second and its shutters have panels below, louvres above while the blinds of the second storey windows are fully louvred.

The third section, a north wing attached to the second section, is slightly lower than the second and it may be very slightly later or it may be contemporary with it. Its gabled roof extends north to cover two storeys of porches which may be later than the third section itself and a wing extends west, its gable to the west.

In the second quarter of the twentieth century an addition was added across the north side of the original section, its roof a continuation of the northerly slope of the original section. A garage is beneath it.

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The original section, the east wing, contains two rooms with straight stair enclosed between them. As indicated above, walls are constructed with balloon framing, straight-sawn, and roof rafters are mitered at the ridge. Lathing is circular sawn.

The west wing is a single parlor with a fireplace on its east wall utilizing the west chimney of the original section. An open stair at its north side is actually within the north wing; its round walnut rail is supported by tapered round balusters and a turned newel of moderate proportions. A single room is in the north wing, a fireplace on its north side, and smaller spaces are in its west wing, all with extensive recent alteration.

The four mantels of the first storey are identical with fluted engaged Doric columns supporting a paneled frieze; the four mantels above them in the second storey are also identical with plain pilasters with bold cap and base supporting a plain frieze and plain shelf. At least the first storey mantels may have been brought from elsewhere, being of the Greek revival period, ca. 1840-1855.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1865

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Barr House is a complex house dating from two or three different building periods in the third quarter of the nineteenth century, not as old as its traditional design would lead one to believe. (Architects comment)

The House sits on $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres which are identified in early deed references as originally being part of Cockey's Trust which was one of the early land grants (1752) in the Green Spring Valley. The same three and one half acres are identified in all deeds up to the present day owner's. In 1875, first mention of a house is found in a mortgage statement of 1900\$ with the cost of the house at \$2,600. This is 62/206 Jacob A. Lefevre and John Gregg to Francis Mather. The land and house passed through several hands (see attached deed search) and appears in the tax assessment rolls of Baltimore County 1921 owned by Sumner Parker and assessed at 4500\$ having just been added to. The present owner is in the process of renovation.

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The Green Spring Valley , Thomas Dawn, 1978, Baltimore Md. Maryland Hist. Society. Page 9-10

		<u>Deed Search</u>	
1849	425 / 502	Robert Jones	to John Henry Carle
1858	24 / 141	John H. Carle (in trust)	to wife, via John Stüber
1864	41 / 864	J.H. Carle and John Stüber	to Benjamin Bohner
1867	53 / 160	Benjamin Bohner	to John Gregg
1875	62 / 206	John Gregg (John Lefevre)	to Francis Mather
1893	198/220	(Mortgage 1900\$) Francis Mather	to James Mather and Emila (wife)
1919	517 / 69	Emila Mather	to Sumner Parker (\$3500)
1931	874 / 367	(Will HWJH #129/365) Deed Cleared	
1977	5720/55	Sumner Parker (Mercantile Safe Deposit	to Albert S. Barr

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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